

GRACE FOR YOU

BACKGROUND: All sin must be paid for, and God says that the only payment for sin is death for the sinner. Jesus paid for your sin by His death on the cross in your place. When you know that you deserve punishment for your sin, then you can receive God's grace. Then you can believe the gospel. (Read **I Corinthians 15:1-10**.)

IS GOD'S POWER. When you see that your sin or your circumstances are too much for you to bear, then by God's grace (His power) you can trust Jesus to give you strength and make you more like Him. (**II Corinthians 12:7-10, Philippians 4:13, I Corinthians 1:4-9, Ephesians 3:14-21, Titus 3:3-7**) *How will you let God's grace help you?*

IS GOD'S GIFT received by faith both initially and ongoing in your life. Trusting Jesus for your salvation is a one-time experience. Letting the Holy Spirit (Christ in you) control and guide you with continuous grace is an ongoing and victorious faith, (**Ephesians 2:3-9, Romans 5:1-2, Colossians 2:6-7, Hebrews 11:6, John 1:11-18**) *How will you let the Holy Spirit daily give you a victorious faith?*

IS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU. His grace can cause forgiveness, love, joy, and peace to be present in your life. However, if you resist His grace working in you, you will allow what God calls the poison of "a bitter root" to spring up in your heart. This can happen when you allow disappointment with others, past hurts, and circumstances to keep you from experiencing God's grace. (**Hebrews 12:14-15, Romans 6:11-14, I John 1:7-10, I John 2:3-11, I Peter 5:5-11**) *How could you overcome bitterness? Why is humility essential for you in seeking God's grace?*